should have a Board of Directors to provide general superintendence, direction and management of affairs and business of the Corporation. The term of the Boards of Directors of Air-India and Indian Airlines which were constituted on 25th September, 1986 was expiring on 30th June, 1987. The term of the Boards was extended by one year.

Provision of the Medicines to the SC/ST in the Remote Areas

2007. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) what measures have been taken by Government to provide medicare to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the remote areas in the country;

(b) whether any subsidy has been granted by the Central Government to State Government to provide to SC and ST free medicare in remote areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The medicare Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the remote areas is being provided through a net-work of Primary Health Centres, Sub-centres, Community Health Centres and also through rural dispensaries and at village level through trained Dais and Health Guides. The norm for establishment of PHCs and sub-centres have been reduced for Tribals, hilly and difficult areas as one PHC for 20,000 population and one sub-centre for 3,000 population against the norm of one PHC for 30,000 and one sub-centre for 5,000 population in general rural areas. While sanctioning Sub-centres, the States/Union Territories are requested to establish 10 per cent of the Sub-centre in SC areas. The services provided through all these health institutions are free of cost.

Central Government does not grant any subsidy to the State Governments for providing medicare to SC and ST in remote areas.

Monitoring of Research Thesis by University Grants Commission

2008. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has been able to monitor research thesis in the country to ensure that the standards are maintained;

(b) whether the linking of M. Phi and Ph. D. degrees with promotions and salary scales has led to the rapid deterioration of the standards of these two degrees;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission propose to take up a close monitoring of the standards of M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees of different universities in the light of the new scales recommended by Mehrotra Committee and accepted in a modified form by Government; and